

THE
A TH E N E U M ;
OR,
S P I R I T O F T H E
E N G L I S H M A G A Z I N E S.

COMPREHENDING

ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS, ON ALL SUBJECTS.
MORAL STORIES.
MEMOIRS AND REMAINS OF EMINENT PERSONS.
MISCELLANEOUS ANECDOTES.
ORIGINAL LETTERS.
CURIOS FRAGMENTS.
INTELLIGENCE IN LITERATURE, THE ARTS AND SCIENCES.
DRAMATIC NOTICES.

NEW PUBLICATIONS, WITH CRITICAL REMARKS.
REVIEWS OF THE FINE ARTS.
TRANSACTIONS OF LITERARY AND PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETIES.
ORIGINAL POETRY.
REMARKABLE INCIDENTS ; DEATHS WITH BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES ; CHEMICAL AND AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENTS ; &c. &c.

VOL. I.

APRIL TO OCTOBER 1817.

Monthly Magazines have opened a way for every kind of inquiry and information. The intelligence and discussion contained in them are very extensive and various ; and they have been the means of diffusing a general habit of reading through the nation, which in a certain degree hath enlarged the public understanding. HERE, too, are preserved a multitude of useful hints, observations, and facts, which otherwise might have never appeared.—*Dr. Kippis.*

BOSTON :

PUBLISHED BY MUNROE AND FRANCIS, No. 4, CORNHILL,
Corner of Water-Street.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED ALSO BY THE FOLLOWING AGENTS :—HENRY WHIPPLE, SALEM ; CHARLES WHIPPLE, NEWBURY-PORT ; CUMMINGS & HILLIARD, CAMBRIDGE ; J. W. FOSTER, PORTSMOUTH ; JOSEPH JOHNSON, PORTLAND ; G. A. TRUMBULL, WORCESTER ; E. GOODALE, HALLOWELL ; T. DICKMAN, SPRINGFIELD ; JOHN JOHNSON, PROVIDENCE ; JOSIAH C. SHAW, NEWPORT ; S. G. GOODRICH, HARTFORD ; J. BABCOCK & SON, NEW-HAVEN ; E. F. BACKUS, ALBANY ; WILLIAM WILLIAMS, UTICA ; A. T. GOODRICH & CO. NEW-YORK ; ABRA. SMALL, PHILADELPHIA ; EDWARD J. COALE, AND N. G. MAXWELL, BALTIMORE ; SCHENK & TURNER, CHARLESTON, S. C. ; HENRY COWAN, ESQ. POSTMASTER, QUEBEC ; WM. GRAY, (HERALD-OFFICE,) MONTREAL ; AND WM. MINNS, HALIFAX, NOVA-SCOTIA.

Price \$2,50 stitched ; or \$3 bound.

: МИЖИША:



: ЗИМНИЙ ГАРДИЯ:

САНКТ-ПЕТЕРБУРГСКАЯ

СИДИЧЕВА С.И.
СИДИЧЕВА С.И.

СИДИЧЕВА С.И.
СИДИЧЕВА С.И.
СИДИЧЕВА С.И.
СИДИЧЕВА С.И.
СИДИЧЕВА С.И.
СИДИЧЕВА С.И.
СИДИЧЕВА С.И.
СИДИЧЕВА С.И.

1-107

САНКТ-ПЕТЕРБУРГСКАЯ

СИДИЧЕВА С.И.
СИДИЧЕВА С.И.

ДОБРО

САНКТ-ПЕТЕРБУРГСКАЯ
БИБЛИОТЕКА
СИДИЧЕВА С.И.

СИДИЧЕВА С.И.
СИДИЧЕВА С.И.
СИДИЧЕВА С.И.
СИДИЧЕВА С.И.
СИДИЧЕВА С.И.
СИДИЧЕВА С.И.
СИДИЧЕВА С.И.
СИДИЧЕВА С.И.

САНКТ-ПЕТЕРБУРГСКАЯ

the various and lively character of the English periodical publications is indisputably unrivalled, not only in America, but in Europe ; yet as domestic patronage in England is sufficiently liberal to govern the views of their editors, English Magazines abound with matter, which loses all its interest, out of the United Kingdom. To procure, therefore, what delights and instructs us, on this side of the Atlantic, we have been obliged to purchase much, in which we could not have the most remote concern. This has been an objection, and the *only* objection that has been experienced, in the republication of entire English periodical works in this country ; and it is this, that we proposed to obviate by our present plan. Having secured a regular supply of the most popular productions of the Magazine class, issued in England, our first object is to select such of the contents, and such only, as are calculated to interest readers in the United States.

But the exclusion of merely local matter is not the only improvement we have had in view. Notwithstanding the acknowledged merit of the London Magazines, a perusal of any one will satisfy the most ordinary critic, that they contain papers and dissertations of various merit. The *Atheneum* has the peculiar and obvious advantage of embracing the most elegant, interesting, and instructive productions of several rival publications, without “their imperfections on their head”...such *select* specimens of genius, erudition and research as must please in any country, where refinement prepares the mind for sound instruction and chaste amusement.

In an experiment on our plan, we have now completed the first volume of our *Excerptæ*, and confess ourselves fully gratified with the candour and encouragement which have attended our exertions. The novelty of the undertaking, and a natural fear of

ADVERTISEMENT.

something unpleasant, particularly in controversial politics, subjected us, at first, to the necessity of letting the appearance of the publication establish its claims on public patronage. If this judicious caution rendered our enterprise hazardous, in the commencement, the result has given us better grounds of confidence, than could have proceeded from gratuitous favour. The flattering increase of our Subscribers, we are persuaded, has not been produced by our promises, but by an examination of our successive numbers.

Yet we are not so inflated by the approbation which this compilation has received, as to presume there is not still room for improvement. The abundance of matter before us gives ample scope for nice discrimination. Progressive familiarity with our duty, we trust, strengthens our capacity to perform it, while our own judgment is aided by an attentive regard to the enlightened taste of our readers. Our middle course, between papers too erudite for general interest, and paragraphs too trivial for the respectability of such a selection, must become more distinct from experience.

By issuing a number, consisting of forty pages, large octavo, in the beginning and middle of each month, we have been enabled to put our subscribers in possession of the work earlier than it could be published in monthly numbers. The satisfaction which we understand has been derived from this prompt circulation determines us to continue the same plan. Eight additional pages of London paragraphs, appended to the last number of each volume, and eight of indices and title-page, will increase the number of pages annually to about one thousand.

To those who are swelling our list of patrons, we take this opportunity to return our cordial thanks; and not less to those, who by the public expression of their approbation have extended the knowledge that such a publication exists. We can now, without hesitation, announce that it will be permanent, for the sources from which we draw are inexhaustible, the encouragement which we receive is decisive, and the present bright prospects of our country promise an increasing partiality to such literary works, as depend on the views and interests of no party, and are addressed to the good feelings and cultivated taste of the community.

Boston, September 15, 1817.

GENERAL INDEX

TO VOL. I.

A	ACKEN, baron, his death Abelard and Heloise Activity of the French women Adams's Narrative in Africa Adam's Peak, journey to Aërial Isles Akenside, poetical character of Albani Collection Alcibiades Ali Bey's travels Almanack clock Amber, origin of Amusements in India Amusements of Clergymen Ancient relics, curious Ancient times Andre, Major Anecdotes of Buonaparte - - - - - Duc d'Enghien - - - - - Dr. Franklin Ants, curious account of Apostate a new play Appelles Arabs, account of the Army, how to recruit an Artificial windpipe Asia, Richter's travels in Atomic theory Avalanches of St. Bernard Awkward habits Barclay's wife Barometers Baths of Bareges Battuecas, les, by Mde. de Genlis Beau, its true meaning Belle Savage, a sign-post Beloe, Dr. his death Bergem's wife Bible, method of its translation Bible carried off by Junot Biographical anecdotes Bishops against bible societies Blind jockey Boiling tar, curious properties of Borri, the Alchemist Bravery at Waterloo Brazil, Koster's account of Bread improved by carbonate of magnesia Bridge of cast-iron Buchanan, Dr., Pearson's life of Bull against bible societies Bull and Gate Bull and Mouth Buonaparte, anecdotes of Burns, inscription on - - - description of his mausoleum By hook or by crook Byron's Poems, defence of - - - poetical character examined Cabbage tree Calculous complaints Campbell's account of the Sandwich isles Candle omens Candle wicks, self consuming Capt. Revel and the Countess of Ruzburg Carey's translation of Dante Cards, as an amusement Carriers accountable for lost packages	835 727 605 51, 55 478 466 555 727 101 127 931 244 261 722 932 230 256, 943 13, 821 14 179 97 696 256 291 60 592 251 738 498 737 491 519 571 367 342 351 837 491 414 59 574 937 100 387 335 57 167 440 938 441 920 58 57 13, 821 441 443 418 30 378 474 936 214 47 55 727 681 566 934	876 298 359 269, 288 57 246 46 418 940 335 52 399 471 934 744 655 937 944 131 223 188 941 51 139 47 622 574 681 95 946 391 937 495 888 748 943 934 945 240, 241, 286, 538 288 183, 371, 569, 825, 910 495 14 263 634 346 492 101 499 942 423 234 422 836 575 54 38 325 939 934 257 134 819 140 43 519 419 180
----------	---	--	--

INDEX.

Franklin's memoirs announced	79	Ladies' Library	227
- - - - religion	178	Lady Maclean of Duart	698
- - - - anecdote of	179	Lakes, picturesque survey of	74
- - - - private correspondence	399	Lalla Rookh, observations on	734
- - - - letter to Dr. Priestly	406	La Mort	59
French curiosity	96	Langles and Klaproth	730
- - - - hotels	23,609	Laplanders in London	58
- - - - anecdotes	138,242,815,825	Larrey, baron	247
- - - - grenadiers	142	Lasne, general	825
- - - - manners	815	Late dinners, the cause of bankruptcy	781
- - - - peculiarities	606	Laudanum, to have proper bottles for	942
- - - - robbers	246	Langhable customs in Poland	639
Friendly Isles, account of	522	Legends of Lampidosa	611,633,783,905
Fuseli's lectures on painting	475	Leonidas, and the Rape of the Sabines	825
Gallery of the Louvre	825	Letters from a father to his son	795,861
Gas fires of the Appenines	923	- - - - from London	382,467
Geese, their sagacity	242	- - - - of Dr. Franklin	399
George III., anecdote of	841	- - - - of mrs. Carter	873
Gipsies, interview with a family of	83	- - - - of lady Mary W. Montague	805
Gleaner, No. I.	626	Leviathan, the crocodile	424
- - - , No. II.	809	Lewis's, J. description of Waterloo battle	26
- - - , No. III.	888	Life of William Hutton, esq.	893
Gluttony of a priest and captain	938	Lime-water as an extinguisher	339
Goëthe	842	Lioness, curious account of a	181
Goose, a sacred dish	258	Literary criticism	223
Gordon on the Brain	80	- - - - forgeries	746
Goupy, Joseph, anecdote of	338	Literature, its meaning	343
Grain, injured by the season	498	Long job	738
Green paint, new composition for	939	Longitude	933
Hair, beauty of the	840	Louis 16th, his imprisonment and death	502
Hamilton, Gerard, anecdote of	575	Louvre in Paris	461
Hausruck mountain	923	Lowe, author of Mary's dream, elegy on	72
Health, how to preserve it	630	Luke and Damien	95
He has been at Blarney	53	Macbeth, as performed by Kean	695
He is a dab at it	182	Madame Mole	730
Hobson's choice	496	Magnetism	333
Hoffman, Professor	493	Mahogany saw dust	924
Holcroft, miss	79	Maiden and the Rose	7
Hollanders, their customs and manners	47	Manuel, a tragedy	183
Holstein, baroness de Stael, death of	942	Marcheta mulieræ	101
Horses, their sagacity	242	Mariner's account of the Friendly Isles	522
Hospitals of Paris	994	Marshal Massena, his death	836
Household of Henry VIII.	180	Martin Guerre, the mysterious husband	31,78,
Howard the philanthropist	793	- - - - 145	
Howling of dogs	46	Maury, cardinal, his death	946
Hutton, William, life of	750,893	Mausoleum of Burns	443
Ill-Health, observations on	714	Measurement of the Kumaon mountains	254
Immoveable jaws	590	MEMOIRS OF EMINENT PERSONS	62,103,183,
Impuissance, its meaning	343	- - - - 263,346,426,499,646,750,819	
Incubus, or night-mare	690	Memoir of Jacoba of Hainault	706
Indian poison for arrows	339	Merry Andrew, its meaning	658
Influence of commerce on civilization	761	Mezzotinto, discovery of	334
Inhumanity to brutes	142	Miller, capt. his death	839
Inhabit, inhabitable, their meaning	343	Miners, dreadful deaths of	937
Insanity, simple remedy for	922	Modern ceremony of taking the veil	862
Insects in the human skin	935	Montague, Lady Mary W., letters of	805
Instinct of the monkey	872	Montgomery's thoughts on wheels	739
Intelligence in literature and arts	79,119,578	Moot point, illustrated	496
Inventions and discoveries	944	Morality of the Parisians	144
Isle of Wight, sketches in the	327,410,482	Morland, the painter, his life	829,912
Jacoba, countess of Hainault	706	Mousing hen	184
Jessup, Samuel, his death	945	Muscular strength	592
Jesuits' college in England	936	Music, an essay	121
Joanna Southcote's disciples	931	Must, its meaning	342
Joseph's cup	497	Musty grain, experiments on	584
Journey to Adam's Peak	478	My eye, Betty Martin	51
Junius, letters of, ascribed to sir P. Francis	79	Naples and the Campagna Felice	563
Juvenile Books	318,627	Napoleon medals	247
Kean, the tragedian	159,428,570,695,911	Narrative of Robert Adams, an American	
- - - - and Sheridan	371	- - - - sailor	15,55
Kemble, the tragedian	372	Natural ingenuity	941
- - - - , his retirement	825	Neale's poems, strictures on	219
Klaproth and Langles	730	Neild, J. memoirs of	646
Koster's travels in Brazil	167	New Musical instruments	842
Kotzebue	842	- - - - theory of the sun	844
Kumaon mountains	254	Night-mare	590
		Novel-reading, a cause of female depravity	718

INDEX.

Odin, notice of	849	Sandwich islands	214
Old maids, undeserved stigma on	801	Scalds and burns, treatment of	177
Omens and charms	46	Scavans, its meaning	343
Oopas tree, deceptions respecting the	547	Scotch predilections	231
Opening the seven seals, West's painting	256	----- education	234
Oswald, Dr. his death	840	Seasons, similarity in	184
Oxygen gas, debility cured by	931	Selina, countess of Huntingdon	110
Padilla, a tale of Palestine	719	Serpents of the West Indies	419
Paine, Thomas, his death	350	Shakspeare's birth day	50
Painting, lectures on	475	----- writings	626
Paintings, exhibition of	666	Sheep in France	139
Palais Royale	459	Sheridan, Richard Brinsley 62, 103, 190, 267	
Parisian anecdotes	59, 355, 727, 730	-----'s memoirs announced	79
Parisian, a tale	905	----- and Kean	371
Partridges, affection of	99	Sheep-shearing, dexterity in	932
Pastor's fire-side	201	Shottoe, miss Jane, her death	943
Peevishness, its miseries	303	Siddons, mrs.	909
Periodical publications, their utility	42	Sketches of a pedestrian in the isle of Wight	
Petrarch's villa	210	327, 410, 482	
Pictures presented to the prince regent	959	Slave trade	638
Picturesque survey of water, wood, and mountain scenery	67, 143, 386	----- abolished in France	924
Pig of Brest	176	Smedley's Prescience	446
Pigott diamond	815	Snipe shooting	261
Pindar	421	Spick and span	182
Pocket companion of a new kind	104	Sponging	932
Poems, account of some lately published	669	Spurred rye, M. Virey on	941
Poetry of the present day	601	Stael, madame de	745, 942
Poison for arrows, its composition	339	Stanhope, sketch of his life	426
Poison tree of Java	547	St. Cecilia and St. Catherine	255
Pope vs. bible societies	920	Steam-boat accident	661
Potatoes, how to preserve them	422	St. Mark's day	747
Predilections of the Scotch	231	Stone, new cure for the	941
Premature talent	499	Strictures on Neele's poems	219
Prescience, or the secrets of divination	446	Striking contrasts	96
Prescot, Catherine, her death	945	Stuart manuscripts	584
Presence of mind in a sailor	588	Suicide	490
Prince Malcolm	615	----- punished, post mortem	841
Printing press, new invention	279	Swift, dean	333
Prison of the Conciergerie	877	Swiss scenery, unconnected sketches of	282,
Prognosticators	416	351, 531, 699, 884	
Proverbs and obscure sayings	51, 657, 747	Tales of my landlord	1, 43, 80
Provincial manners, French	138	Talma, the French Garrick	451
Public buildings in Paris	451	Teeth, their beauty	917
Punishment of prevarication	500	Tempers, good and bad	303
Race and racehorse, their meaning	344	Teuterden steeple	94
Rage for novelty	809	The three blue balls	417
Rape of the Sabines	825	Thomson, poetical character of	555
Raphael's memoirs announced	79	Thomson, William, his death	946
----- travels in Arabia	291	Thou art a dog in a doublet	418
Rats, sagacity of	99	Tiger hunting in India	260
Red-cross of England	420	Timber, strength of	931
Red man and minim	730	Tissue, its meaning	346
Reid's essays, interesting features of	323	Tombuctoo, description of	16
Religion of Dr. Franklin	178	Tonga, or Friendly Isles	522
Remarkable thunder-cloud	937	Tour in Poland	639
Remedies for poisons	994	Transfusion of blood	589
Rewards to the learned	945	Translation of the bible	414
Rheumatism, remedy for	666, 998	Tricks upon travellers	739
Richter's travels	251	Tri-coloured cockade	60
Ridicule	917	Trip to Paris	22, 62, 307, 394, 451
Right and wrong, a tale	52	Truly heroic action	942
Rios, Joseph de Mendoza, his death	943	Tuckey, capt. his journal	663
Ripperda, duke of, genuine account of	175	Unconnected sketches of Swiss scenery	282
Rivers, picturesque survey of	67	351, 531, 884	
Rocher de Cancale	59	Unsuccessful machinations	298, 559
Rochon, Alexis-Marie, his death	941	VARIETIES, LITERARY, CRITICAL, AND HISTORICAL	46, 94, 175, 894, 414, 587, 738, 840
Rohalt's wife	492	Vaucluse, its valley and fountain	542
Romances	658	Veil, modern ceremony of taking the	860
Rousseau's house	284	Venus de' Medici	482
Royal marriages	935	Villemain, the writer and orator	242
Russian, a story	783	Visit to Petrarch's villa	210, 542
Sacred poems, notice of	919	Volcanic mountain	584
Sagacity of brute animals	239, 286, 538	Water, wood, and mountain scenery	386
Sailors, characteristics of	659	Waterloo subscriptions	940
Sale of a wife	931	----- monuments erected at	852
Salmatius's wife	492	----- battle of, described by a soldier	26

INDEX.

Waterloo, anecdote ----- bravery at Welsh manners West's picture of the seven seals West India serpents Wigs, their origin and progression Wind of a ball Winter fogs	877 57 406 256 419 748 787 519	Wire bridges Wives of literary men Wonderful preservation Wounds in the heart Wynne, James Huddlestone Young, Dr. inquiry into his moral character 90, 163
---	---	---

POETRY.

Absent soldier recollected by his family Abstain, O man, abstain A fairy scene with sportive hand All hail, thou solitary star Beauties of nature Beneath the main a coral cave Beauty in smiles Brynhilda Ballad, by Webb Bard's farewell to his broken lute Blithe as the birds that wing the air Brother, when thou wert far away Burnie-bee Byron's Prisoners of Chillon Canadian Indian Chatterton, Thomas Choral song of the fairies Church-yard Churchill's grave, by Byron Cossack's grave Darkness, by Byron David's lamentation for Saul and Jonathan Daylight, when the storm was o'er De Courcy Deluge, translated from Ovid Don Sebastian Doris, from the German of Haller Echoes Elegy on John Lowe Eolian harp Epistle to the Emperor of China Eric and Amabel Extract from an address to Napoleon Farewell address of Kemble Fisher's grave Flower of Love Four Ages, translated from Ovid Helen of Kirkconnell Hohenelm Incantation by lord Byron In every change of busy life In vain I court refreshing sleep Jonah's Gourd Keepsake, the Lalla Rookh, extract from Lines by a mother --- on a goblet, by Byron --- sent with a repeating watch --- written in Richmond church-yard Lost dove Love of fame, by Neele --- song ---'s visit	198 679 193 671 192 193 278 273, 358 276 352 671 924 927 80, 117, 190 438 928 111 114 679 69 518 78 436 514 846 111 354 357 72 356 848 672 847 595 197 593 758 275 434 277 671 197 596 608 578, 675 194 594 674 849 751 222 70 598	Man and the monkey, a fable Manfred, extract from Mermaid's song Midnight sketch Miracle at Horeb Moderate wishes Northern spring Ode for the anniversary of the Jews' hospital ---- to fancy ---- to sleep ---- to time, by Neele Oh why did you bid me awake O lady buy these budding flowers Original epigram Orphan, the Palace of fame ---- of the sun Prisoners of Chillon Primrose, to the Progress of British sculpture Religion---There is a calm Retirement Reynolds, Richard, verses on Romance Savoyard Sea-nymph She never told her love Sighs by mrs. Rolls Soliloquy by dr. Sewell Song of a lover ---- by lord Thurlow ---- to the River Avon ---- of a Highlander ---- to my friend Sound the loud timbrel o'er Egypt Stanzas ----, written in sickness ----, on the sea-shore of Kent Storm, written during a tempest Thoughts in a ball-room The orb of light descending gave There is an eye whose shaded light To the oak that near my cottage grew Tomb of love Vanity of life Vola, or Sybil of the north Visions of youth When Cupid prompts the virgin sigh When winds breathe soft Winter in Canada Yorkshire angling You bid me hope
---	---	--